GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

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SLOWDOWN IN SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Small Scale Industry is heading towards economic slow-down;

(b) if so, the areas under Small Scale Industries sector which are at present in the grip of economic slow down alongwith the reasons there for; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the economic slow down and to protect the Small Scale Industries from economic slow-down?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PEN AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND M OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The Small Scale Industries Sector in the country is estimated to have grown at a higher rate of 8.09% during 2000-2001 against the estimated growth rate of 7.7% during 1998-99. However, in order to further strengthen the small scale sector and enhance its competitiveness domestically and globally, the Government had announced a Comprehensive Policy Package on 30th August, 2000. The package consists of enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructure and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation.